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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant: H. HONBO, et al.

Application No: 09/897,613

Filed: JULY 3, 2001

Title: NON-AQUEOUS SECONDARY BATTERY HAVING NEGATIVE ELECTRODE INCLUDING GRAPHITE POWDER

Group: 1745

Examiner: John S. Maples

Confirm. No.: 1835

RESPONSE

Mail Stop: AMEND – NO FEE

Commissioner for Patents

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December 15, 2006

Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed November 15, 2006, Applicants respectfully elect the Group I claims (that is, claims 13, 14, 20, 21, 32 and 33, which the Examiner contends are drawn to a first secondary battery). This election is made without traverse.

Examination of the Group I claims on the merits, in due course, is respectfully requested.

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